

West Hagbourne Village History Group

Annual General Meeting
Monday 6th July 2009 at Pippins, Main Street

Present : Josie Hill, Ted Kendrick, Sheila Taylor, Linda Thompson, Val Walton

Apologies: Jillian Hedges, Mary Wiley

Welcome: Josie welcomed everyone and thanked Sheila for hosting the meeting.

Matters arising from previous AGM (30TH June 2008):

Our Telephone Kiosk: Correction---it was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott but it is not one of the original kiosks remaining in the country.

Chairman's Annual Report: (for the annual Parish Meeting 16th May) The report of the Group's activities for 2008—2009 was read and has been sent to the History Group's website.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Thompson The accounts for 2008---March 2009 (15 months) have been audited and found to be correct. Copies of the accounts were circulated at the meeting.

Balance @ 31st March 2009 Bank £ 1,437.83, Petty Cash £ 66.64

Petty cash to be given to Edna Scott. Linda has the account book.

Val will send a thank you card to Simon Powell who audited the accounts.

Election of Officers :

Chairman: Josie Hill, proposed Sheila Taylor, seconded Linda Thompson

Treasurer: Linda Thompson, proposed Josie Hill, seconded Val Walton

Secretary: Val Walton, proposed Linda Thompson, seconded Ted Kendrick

Meeting

Minutes of meeting 9th March 2009-----agreed correct

Matters arising: Soldiers of Oxfordshire project ----Val will try to make further contact with the Project Manager to enquire how we can help as a History Group

Books Two of our books have been presented, one to Ed Vaizey, local M.P., and one to Father Jason, vicar at St. Andrew's, East Hagbourne.

Remaining books are with Sheila, Josie, Mary, Edna and Didcot Library.

Chapel : Reports from Emily Martin, the student who carried out further archaeological surveys at Chapel Hayes have confirmed the presence of a chapel. Full reports have been sent to the History Group (Sheila Taylor) , Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Andrew Hutt, (from Berkshire Archaeological Research Group)

Sheila will send a copy to the county Archivist and a simplified copy to the village news letter.

Missing Stone : On some O.S. maps a stone near Down Farm is marked but many people who lived in the area have no recollection of it. We will continue to make enquiries as, if there is an ancient stone, this needs to be established as proposed building will take place.

Map Board: The map itself has faded. Mary Anne le May will look into this and speak to Hobbs who encapsulated it. Expert advice is required.

Sheila will contact Phil Taylor and Parish Council re their thoughts as the History Group do not wish to spend any more money on the map.

The map was originally instigated by the Parish Council.

Monica Lawson Memorial: Discussed idea re rebuilding the cross at Coscote as a memorial to Monica Lawson. Members felt that this was not appropriate but were keen to support the suggestion made by East and West Hagbourne School ;i.e. designing new school gates in memory of Monica who contributed greatly to the school.

Sheila will write a letter expressing our thoughts to Marion Judd.

Any Other Business:

Mary sent report of her visit to Didcot History Days where she was able to make people aware of our History Group. The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Project was displayed and films of Didcot and district of 1920's and 1930's were shown .One of the films was made by Alf Carpenter who used to live in West Hagbourne. The films are with Didcot Archaeological and Historical Society.

BBC Oxford website: Josie received an email from the BBC asking permission to use photos from our village website as they are doing a feature on West Hagbourne on the BBC Oxford website .Sheila , who is photo archivist, has replied giving permission subject to usual acknowledgement.

Date and venue of next meeting: this will be a discussion ----24th July 8pm at Pippins Main Str. (Sheila's house)

